

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS.

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Claims 1-13 (CANCELED).

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An applicator for use in reflexotherapy, comprising:

a base member;

a plurality of needles fixed within said base member;

each said needle comprising a rod; member provided with a sharpened portion at a first end of said rod member, and provided with a head portion at a second end of said rod member;

each said needle being fixed in said base member so that said rod member provided with said sharpened portion protrudes above said base member;

said rod member being made from a base material;

one or more of said needles being partially covered with a coating;

said needles including ~~at least a~~ one or more first set of needles being made from and/or coated with a first material, and a one or more second set of needles being made from and/or coated with a second material;

each said needle being surrounded with needles whose base materials and coatings are made from different materials;

said first and second materials having different electrochemical ~~potential~~ potentials; and

said partially-covered needles ~~being partially covered with a coating to expose a~~ surface of contact between each needle and a user's epidermis to at least said first and second materials ~~having said different electrochemical potentials.~~

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An applicator according to claim 14, including:
at least one further set of one or more third needles being made from and/or coated with a further third material having a different electrochemical potential than that of said first and/or and second set of needles materials.
16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An applicator according to claim 14, wherein:
the coating on ~~at least some~~ one or more of said needles comprises a multilayer coating.
17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An applicator according to claim 15, wherein:
the coating on ~~at least some~~ one or more of said needles comprises a multilayer coating.
18. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An applicator according to claim 14, wherein:
said needles are disposed in said applicator in a configuration in which adjacent needles exposed to said surface of contact with the user's epidermis are either coated with and/or made from different materials.
19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An applicator according to claim 15, wherein:
said needles are disposed in said applicator in a configuration in which adjacent needles exposed to said surface of contact with the user's epidermis are either coated with and/or made from different materials.

20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An applicator according to claim 16, wherein:
said needles are disposed in said applicator in a configuration in which adjacent needles exposed to said surface of contact with the user's epidermis are either coated with and/or made from different materials.
21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An applicator according to claim 17, wherein:
said needles are disposed in said applicator in a configuration in which adjacent needles exposed to said surface of contact with the user's epidermis are either coated with and/or made from different materials.
22. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An applicator according to claim 14, wherein:
the material comprising said needles and/or coatings is selected from steel, copper, chromium, nickel, silver, cobalt, aluminum, magnesium, zinc, tin, titanium, vanadium, beryllium, gold, platinum, palladium, strontium, tellurium or alloys and oxides thereof.
23. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An applicator according to claim 21, wherein:
the material comprising said needles and/or coatings is selected from steel, copper, chromium, nickel, silver, cobalt, aluminum, magnesium, zinc, tin, titanium, vanadium, beryllium, gold, platinum, palladium, strontium, tellurium or alloys and oxides thereof.